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In re Patent No. 6,942,964	: LETTER REGARDING PTA
Issued: September 13, 2005	: and NOTICE OF INTENT
Application No. 09/610,935	: TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE
Filed: July 6, 2000	: OF CORRECTION
Atty. Dkt. No.: SGM 6934.1	:

This letter is in response to the "LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed October 11, 2005. The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to our attention.

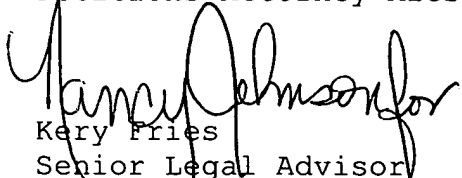
The above-identified application issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,942,964 on September 13, 2005. The patent issued with an adjustment of 61 days. Patentees indicate that the correct adjustment at the time of issuance is zero days.

A review of the application history reveals that patentees are correct. At the time of issuance, an adjustment of 109 days could be attributed to the Office. However, a reduction of 150 days could be attributed to applicants for failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution, yielding an adjustment of zero, as indicated by patentees. See, endnoteⁱ.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 application fee under 37 CFR 1.705(b).

This application will be forwarded to the Certificate of Corrections branch for issuance of a certificate of correction to indicate that the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by zero days.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to
Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.



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Enclosure: Draft Certificate of Correction

ⁱ The adjustment for Office delays were as follows: 20 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.702(b) and 89 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4). The reductions for applicant delays were as follows: 28 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(b); 28 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(b); 62 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(b); and 32 days in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(b).

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT : 6,942,964 B1
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page,

[*] Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 USC 154(b) by (61) days

Delete the phrase "by 61" and insert – by 0 days--